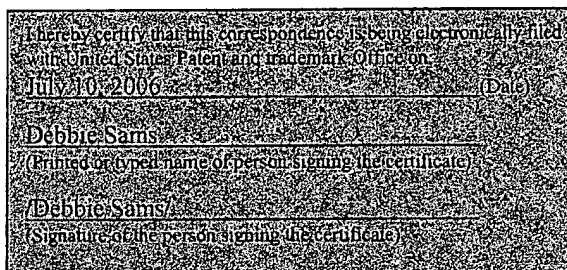


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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

The Applicants have carefully considered this application in connection with the Examiner's Final Rejection mailed March 13, 2006, and the Advisory Action mailed June 16, 2006. As such, the Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application in view of the following amendment and remarks.

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